

But we also need to increase wages for those who are providing the care, because the wages just don't cut it. We know there is a shortage of healthcare workers now and providers. I have been dealing with this every day. Just last night I had to get on a red-eye.

Why?

To help provide some of that care.

So we need this human investment in people and to provide that care in home.

We saw what happened with COVID and what it did to those in institutions and nursing homes. If we can avoid that and have people in their homes, then we should expand this program and support it.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the American economy has lost more than 500,000 jobs in the caregiving industry, and we are seeing firsthand how hard it is to hire. So investing in this is going to expand that. It is going to make this available to more Americans and those in need, whether you are an older American, Madam Speaker, or you are disabled.

In conclusion, by investing in families and our care economy, we will show compassion to those in need, improve care, and help women get back into the workforce. The investments in the Build Back Better package will be meaningful for our families and transformational for our economy.

Let's keep them—not cut them—for people like my mother who has severe Alzheimer's and for the rest of Americans who need that care.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I am very impressed that my colleague took the red-eye because she was caring for her family and she is here tonight caring for her constituents. I hope the gentlewoman can go home and get some rest.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE). My colleague is a great advocate for all those in her State and throughout the country.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding. I am delighted to be with the gentlewoman and as well to be fighting for what is right, and that is what we are doing here today. We are fighting for what is right.

I am amazed when I hear people want to try to understand whether or not we are on the floor of the House talking about a safety net or whether we are on the floor of the House trying to create a care economy.

Well, let me be very clear. The clearness of my point is that the care economy is alive and well. It may be called by many names, but it is millions of women who have in the decades—some without names, some without categories—have been working to take care of people. They have been layered from those, as we have heard my sisters and my colleagues indicate, that they have been parents who were in the last stages of life, they are working mothers who need childcare, and they

are particularly care workers themselves who don't have childcare.

So the Build Back Better Act is what you want, America.

Many people say: What is in the bill?

This is what you want. You already have gotten portions of the child tax cut. It is a credit, but I like to call it a child tax cut. That is in there to be continued.

And I have heard the stories from my constituents, making ends meet, getting diapers and formula, and paying rent to be able to keep a roof over the head of toddlers and babies of single parents, mostly women. So we know how important the child tax credit is.

But then we talk about childcare and when we talk about kindergarten that will be universal. These are in the early stages of life. So I am excited.

Let me just mention one deviation, Madam Speaker. Let me just mention one deviation, and that is that in Texas we have got a compounded problem, people without childcare and people without healthcare because we never opted in—I say we—the State Government never opted into the expanded Medicaid. So we have working parents with 766,000 who are uninsured in the State of Texas.

Can you imagine, Madam Speaker, working parents with children who have no childcare; and they are not insured, and they have no healthcare?

So can we ease their burden?

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Quickly let me ease their burden and ensure that—very quickly let me pay tribute to a school in Humble, Texas, where I met a young woman by the name of Aquila Gillespie who runs a subsidized childcare facility who desperately needs this childcare program which is going to allow her working parents—they are working parents in the care industry—who come to her with children at night, who have children who are, in fact, in early education, meaning that they are first and second grade. She works hard to open this school because most of the parents who enroll them in the school cannot afford childcare. These men and women are working people, and they work at night.

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I stand here to join with my colleagues to say, what does America want? They want to know that this bill is going to help them. You can see how colorful it is, Creative Kids.

And that is Aquila. I want her to be known on television because she did this as a young woman, a young woman who was a single parent at the time. She hires and employs mothers and others who are in the working class.

Let me say childcare, America, is what you will get with the Build Back Better Act.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Texas for her comments, and I thank Madam Speaker for allowing us to have this Special Order hour to talk about fami-

lies in America and what the Build Back Better plan will do to make sure that families have childcare, have pre-K, have the opportunity to go back to work.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### REALITY OF THE TAX AND SPENDING BILL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS) for 30 minutes.

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GAETZ).

#### THREAT OF ASSASSINATION

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding because I think someone maybe trying to kill me, and if they are successful, I would like my constituents and my family to know who stopped their arrest.

Madam Speaker, on October 8, 2021, a Twitter handle styled @CIABobisatyourdoor tweeted to @repmatgaetz: "Looky here, pal, I lived in Portland. Portland has ordered a hit on you. I accepted the contract. Have a good day."

Following this tweet, this individual traveled to Washington, D.C., and the Capitol Police recommended his arrest. That is information that was just shared with me by the Investigations and Threat Assessment section of the Protective Services Bureau and, specifically, George DiSesso. George shared with me that the Capitol Police recommended the arrest of this individual and that the Department of Justice refused to do so, declined to do so.

On the eve of the Attorney General testifying before the Judiciary Committee tomorrow, it is just yet another example of the Department of Justice having a double standard. If my name weren't Gaetz, if it were Omar or Tlaib, you bet this person would have been arrested because that is what the Capitol Police recommended. But the Department of Justice doesn't seem to care so much when it is Republicans. I thank my colleague for yielding to me.

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, Utah is, in the Fourth District, now paying more for everything thanks to the Biden administration's disastrous economic policies. It is throwing our country back to a 1970s economy, and there is no end in sight.

The Democrats' solution? Pack far-left policies into their \$5.5 trillion spending package and tell the American people that it cost them nothing. It is a bogus talking point that couldn't be further from the truth.

In reality, this tax and spending bill would perpetuate labor shortages in Utah and across the country, which will harm economic recovery and hurt families in my district; violate Americans' financial privacy by increasing IRS access to our personal bank data;

and it will also mandate financial services providers to report financial transactions of \$200 per week or greater. The IRS has no business tracking the checking accounts of Americans.

They will also reduce our country's energy independence, causing gas prices to skyrocket nationwide, now, by the way, hitting record numbers in Utah.

It will impose devastating taxes on small businesses as they attempt to get back on their feet.

President Biden and Democrats in Congress want to use this trillion-dollar spending bill to fundamentally re-imagine our country's economy, and they are going to raise taxes on the middle class to make it happen. That means higher prices for families at the gas pump, in the grocery store, and everywhere in-between and the highest inflation levels we have seen in over 30 years.

This fiscally irresponsible spending spree places a staggering debt on the next generation of Americans and leaves our country's economy worse off.

#### HONORING TAYLOR HOOVER

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, 31-year-old United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Taylor Hoover from Utah was killed in the line of duty on August 26 by a suicide bomber in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was taken too soon, heroically assisting the evacuation efforts of U.S. citizens and Afghan allies.

In his faithful service to others, Sergeant Hoover and the 12 other service-members who were lost on that tragic day embodied the military's core values: honor, courage, and commitment.

I pray that they find solace in his memory and healing in the love of their family and friends. From Hillcrest High School and all the way to Arlington National Cemetery, I know this tragic loss will be felt by many.

We will never forget the sacrifice and service of Sergeant Taylor Hoover. God bless the Hoover family and all of our Nation's Gold Star families.

#### Honoring Todd Grossgebauer

Mr. OWENS. I would like to honor a true public servant and a Utah hero, Commander Todd Grossgebauer, who lost a hard-fought battle against cancer over this last summer.

Todd was the second employee hired by the Riverton, Utah, police department. He also served the Provo Police Department for 26 years. He studied at the FBI National Academy. He was a patrol division watch commander and instructor at UVU's Law Enforcement Academy.

Todd and all of our brave men and women in law enforcement put their lives on the line every single day to protect our communities. They truly are hometown heroes.

As we reflect on and honor the sacrifices of our law enforcement officers, I pledge to always back the blue. I am thinking of Todd today and praying for his wife, Brenda, and their entire family.

#### HONORING BRENT JEX

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Brent Jex is a retired police detective of 20 years in the West Jordan Police Department and served as president of the Utah Fraternal Order of Police since 2012.

As a member of Utah's Joint Criminal Apprehension Team, Brent has participated in the arrest of the most dangerous and notorious criminals in the Intermountain West. But even more impressive is his dedication to advocating for our men and women in uniforms' mental health.

Right now, even more than ever, our officers are under scrutiny and stress that none of us can imagine. They have a voice with Brent as the president of FOP.

Referring to mental health treatment, Brent has said, "Before I thought it was a sign of weakness to have to go seek treatment. Afterward, I realized that it is a sign of weakness not to."

Brent represents the best of us. He is an invaluable member of the law enforcement community and the State of Utah as a whole.

Brent, thank you for all you have done and all you do to keep our community safe.

#### HONORING UTAH'S SMALL BUSINESSES

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, like many industries across the country, the COVID-19 pandemic took an unyielding toll on small businesses. Over the past several months, I have had the pleasure of visiting hundreds of small businesses across my district to hear firsthand how they are coping through economic recovery. One thing is for certain: Utahns are innovative.

Owlet, located in Lehi, is saving countless lives across the country with its in-home monitoring system for prenatal and newborn babies.

Greek House is a family-owned and -operated restaurant in Taylorsville, currently celebrating its first birthday in Utah's Fourth District.

Local advanced manufacturing companies like Hexcel Company, Rock West Composites, Inc., and Advanced Composites Inc., are leading in the defense, commercial, and aerospace industries.

Neuroxox in Sandy is providing innovative long-term physical, occupational, and speech therapy for adults and children affected by paralysis.

Grifols in Salt Lake City is a small plasma donation center that helps save and improve lives across the country.

These companies and everything in-between perfectly showcase the innovative and service-oriented spirit of Utah's Fourth District. They think big and bold in their pursuit of excellence.

To every small business in every corner of Utah's Fourth District, thank you for all you do to save our State.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### REALITY OF THE ECONOMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) for 30 minutes.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, I promise I am not trying to go for the record of the most boring for half an hour, but if I make it, bless us all.

Madam Speaker, over the next half hour, I am going to try to walk through—and a lot of this is just sort of the boiling frustration that we all go through around here. We are frustrated because I believe a lot of our brothers and sisters on the left mean well. They say warm, fuzzy things. They say things that actually should make you feel good. And then you actually deal with the reality of what is happening in our economy and around us.

We are going to blast through a bunch of these and see if I can sort of explain our frustration as conservatives but also as Americans. So just one quick point. Do you remember all of the rhetoric from the last election from our Democrat colleagues about how they are going to actually do all of these things in regard to greenhouse gases, but we will still have a healthy economy? Well, this is the chart before President Biden took office, and you see GDP was truly growing and greenhouse gases had actually made quite a bend and change.

But now, we actually also have some other little facts we are going to have to deal with. Think about this: The attacks that happened on President Trump, but in those 4 years, my understanding is use of coal actually fell 30 percent.

Well, I have to congratulate the Democrats. It looks like this year's coal usage will go up 23 percent. One more time: Coal usage will now go up almost 23 percent this year because they have so screwed up the energy economy.

When you block pipelines, when you block the movement of natural gas, when you block the much cleaner fuel and you need to produce ions, called electricity, where do you go? So, congratulations to the Democrats. They actually took a trend—where they said they wanted this—and have absolutely reversed it.

It is sort of an amazing thought, isn't it, that the Biden administration and Democrats did more in the last 9 months for coal production than the previous President did in 4 years? It is a fascinating but good example when you don't own a calculator and don't do economics.

Let's actually walk through a couple of other things. You have also seen the reports and the analysis of how many poor people are going to absolutely suffer this winter. Have you seen what energy prices look like? If your household that uses heating oil—I am sorry, for those of us in the desert, we don't know what heating oil is, but we are told it is getting really expensive. Have you seen the numbers of what is predicted to be paid in cold parts of this country?

If you are angry about it, go talk to your Democrat Representative because